GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4895
ANSWERED ON:23.05.2006
PERSONS AWARDED WITH PADMASHREE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the complaints lodged with police and arrest warrant issued against the persons awarded with Padmashree during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received by the Government during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of Padmashree awardees live at present, State-wise;

(d) whether Padamashree award can be withdrawn;

(e) if so, the circumstance under which the award can be withdrawn;

(f) whether the government has withdrawn any Padmashree award from any persons; and

(g) if so, the total number of such persons, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a): As per the last report received from the Government of Rajsthan in March 2005, several criminal cases were registered against a Padma Awardee during the period November 1985 to February 2005. In some cases, charge sheets had been filed in the court while some others were under investigation/re-investigation. The Government have also seen news reports published in the Hindustan Times dated 17.3.2006 and the Hindu dated 18.3.2006 about arrest warrant issued against the said awardee. Factual report sought by the Central Government from the Govt. of Rajasthan is awaited.

(b): In addition to the above, a complaint was received by the Central Government in March 2005 against another Padma awardee in the state of Uttaranchal.

(c): During the years 1954 to 2006, 3094 Padma awards have been conferred. Precise information as to how many of them are not alive is not available with the Central Government. The next of kin of the awardees, or the States where they may have been residing, do not normally inform the Central Govt. of the demise of the awardees.

(d): In terms of the Regulation No. 10 of Statutes and Rules relating to Padma Awards, the President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person. The notice of the cancellation is required to be published in the Gazette of India.

(e): No specific circumstances under which the award can be withdrawn have been spelt out in the regulations.

(f) & (g): As per available records, awards announced have been cancelled in three cases, two in the state of Punjab in 1958 and one in state of Gujarat in 1974.